

## CLASH EXPECTED WHEN GOVERNORS MEET TOMORROW

Delegates Due to Take Stand  
on Direct Election of  
Senators.

## FRANKFORT SCENE OF FIRST SESSION

Adjournment to Louisville Will Be  
Taken—Wilson to Sound  
Keynote.

## As Governors' Conference Looks in Advance

"House of Governors" convenes in  
Frankfort, Ky., tomorrow, and  
after one session will adjourn to  
Louisville for the rest of program.

Keynote will be sounded by Gov-  
ernor-elect Woodrow Wilson in ad-  
dress on "Possibilities of Gov-  
ernors' Conference."

Governor Wilson and Mayor Pol-  
srove will welcome delegates, and  
Governor Pothiers will respond.

Direct election of United States  
Senators and conservation of two  
of most important subjects up for  
discussion.

Plan for securing uniform legisla-  
tion of hundreds of subjects expected  
to be decided on.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 28.—Gov-  
ernors and governors-elect of nearly all  
of the forty-six States are expected to  
open this week for or against a  
constitutional amendment for the di-  
rect election of the United States Sen-  
ators.

It was the consensus of the governors  
at their last conference, while the people  
demanded the right to elect their own  
representatives in the upper house of  
the National Legislature, there was little  
hope that Congress would ever initiate  
such a movement. So the governors  
have been considering the question for  
a year and the liveliest kind of a dis-  
cussion is anticipated.

It is believed that concerted action  
on the part of the governors and gov-  
ernors-elect can be secured. If so, each  
of them who favors the plan, will re-  
commend to his Legislature the adoption  
of resolutions demanding the change in  
the Constitution. Should two-thirds of  
the States take such action it will be  
mandatory on Congress to act.

"House of Governors." which will come to-  
gether tomorrow in the Capitol building  
has become known as the "House of  
Governors." Only one session is to be  
held in this city, the delegates going by  
special train to Louisville on Wednesday  
to complete their program.

The keynote of the entire session will  
be sounded here when Governor-elect  
Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, former  
president of Princeton University, is  
expected to discuss "Possibilities of the  
Governors' Conference."

Prior to listening to Governor-elect  
Wilson, Mayor Polsrove, of this city,  
and Governor Wilson will welcome the  
delegates on behalf of the city and  
State. The addresses of welcome will be  
responded to by Gov. A. J. Pothiers,  
of Rhode Island, chairman.

Conservation.  
Conservation as understood by the  
delegates will occupy the attention of  
the governors on Wednesday, when  
Gov. Edwin L. Norris, of Montana, will  
explain the Northwestern idea of what  
conservation should consist of. Gov-  
ernor-elect John A. Dix, of New York,  
was expected to explain the position of  
the East, and especially of the lumber-  
men, he being the head of the L. Thom-  
son Lumber Company, on the question.  
He will be unable to be present, how-  
ever, although he may send his views  
in a letter.

It is likely that there will develop a  
decided difference of opinion on this  
subject as well as on the subject of elec-  
tion legislation. Governors John Burke  
of North Dakota, Herbert Hadley, of  
Missouri, and several of the other gov-  
ernors are expected to give their views  
as to the desirability of uniform elec-  
tion legislation in all the States, which  
would include the adoption of the short  
ballot.

Direct Primary Laws.  
Gov. J. E. Port of New Jersey and  
other governors interested in the sub-  
ject are expected to deliver addresses  
on the direct primary laws, and a free-  
for-all discussion will follow.

In this connection the best kind of a  
corrupt practices act is to be discussed,  
the whole leading up to the direct elec-  
tion of United States Senators, a ques-  
tion which will be the big topic of the  
closing day, Saturday.

The conference, it is admitted, will be  
the most important ever held, as it is  
expected before it adjourns a plan for  
securing uniform legislation on hun-  
dreds of subjects will have been adopted.

The following parties today con-  
tributed to the \$5,000 fund, which the  
Washington Playground Association is  
attempting to raise in order to keep the  
playgrounds of the city open until next  
spring:

W. B. Moore & Sons	\$100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lutz	100.00
Daniel Fraser	10.00
Cardozo Playground	2.00
W. A. H. Church	10.00
The Rev. and Mrs. John Van	10.00
Schaeck, Jr.	10.00
Davidson & Davidson	10.00
J. L. Leverton & Co.	1.00
D. L.	1.00
The fund has reached the sum	of \$3,256.

The directors of the  
ground association will make a des-  
perate effort to secure the remainder of  
the \$5,000 this week, in order that the  
playgrounds need not be closed.

## FIRE IN BUILDING ON F STREET ENDANGERS VALUABLE PROPERTY



SCENE AT FIRE IN KELLOGG BUILDING IN F STREET. FIRE CHIEF WAGNER AND HIS MEN FIGHTING THE FIRE FROM THE ROOF.

## BLAZE IS CHECKED WITH LITTLE LOSS

A fire that fortunately caused but little  
damage, but which for a time endan-  
gered property worth hundreds of  
thousands of dollars, broke out at 9  
o'clock this morning in the Kellogg  
building, 116 F street.

The flames were confined to a loft in  
the east wing of the building in which  
was stored a mass of refuse and waste  
paper belonging to present and prior  
tenants. Owing to the almost inacces-  
sible location of the fire, it required  
nearly an hour for the firemen to sub-  
due it. The firemen worked in close and  
cramped quarters, the height of the  
loft being not more than four feet.

With the exception of the burned  
walls of the loft and the damage in-  
curred to the flow of water down the el-  
evator shaft, over which the fire was  
directly located, the damage to the prop-  
erty was comparatively small. The flames  
were checked before they had had op-  
portunity to spread to the offices below  
and the adjoining buildings.

In proximity to the Kellogg building  
was property of great value. The New  
Willard Hotel adjoins on the east and  
to the west is a row of real-estate of-  
fices and the Corcoran building.

Trucks 2 and 3 and engines 1, 2, 14, and  
16, and at water tower were on hand with-  
in a few minutes after the alarm was

sounded, and had it not been for the  
confined quarters in which the fire was  
confined, much shorter work would  
have been made of the flames.

Chief Wagner and Battalion Chief  
Henry were upon the scene and person-  
ally directed the fire fighters. Fire  
Marshal Nicholson made an examina-  
tion of the burned loft after the fire but  
has not arrived at any definite con-  
clusion as to the cause of the blaze. A  
defective electric wire, or the proverbial  
rat with matches, is suggested as the  
cause.

The papers burned consisted of can-  
celed checks, memoranda, newspaper  
clippings, and old account books, the ac-  
cumulation of the past twenty years.  
In the scorched debris were found a  
number of stamped and addressed let-  
ters, evidently prepared for mailing to  
members of Congress along in 1911.  
One was addressed to Senator Quay,  
now dead, and, as did the others, asked  
support of a bill "for the relief of tele-  
graph operators during the war." It  
was signed by a committee of the So-  
ciety of the United States Military  
Telegraph Corps. There were several  
hundred of these unmailed, but stamped  
and addressed, letters, stored away in  
the old loft.

The Kellogg building is owned by H.  
K. Willard. The loss by fire today prob-  
ably will amount to several hundred  
dollars.

## RAILROADS ATTACK SHORT HAUL CLAUSE

Attorneys Before Commis-  
sion in Attempt to De-  
stroy New Law.

In a general effort to break down the  
construction of the long and short haul  
in the new railroad law and render it  
ineffective, railroad attorneys from all  
parts of the United States appeared be-  
fore the Interstate Commerce Commis-  
sion today in the hope of impressing  
that body with the views of the car-  
riers affected.

Practically every important provision  
in the clause is being questioned today  
by the railroads. Practically all relief  
which the interior territory of the coun-  
try expected under the new legislation  
will be destroyed if the opinions of the  
railroads prevail.

Tomorrow, however, the shippers will  
have their saying. The traffic managers  
of a half dozen commercial organiza-  
tions with their attorneys are here to  
defend the act and prevent, if possible,  
any perversion of its meaning which will  
lose to them the benefits for which the  
intermountain States struggled so des-  
perately in the last Congress.

Railroads Begin Attack.  
Today the attorneys for the railroads  
began their attack. They first question-  
ed the intent of the new law as applied  
to import and export traffic. To the sur-  
prise of the commission, however, they  
did not agree upon the application of  
the clause to this class of traffic.

Fred H. Wood, general attorney for  
the Frisco, representing the Western  
and Southwestern lines, and G. S.  
Patterson, of the Southeastern lines,  
contended that the section providing  
for the long and short haul did apply  
to the imported and exported freight  
in delivering which there was a dis-  
tinctly different treatment.

E. C. Lindley, representing the Great  
Northern, Northern Pacific, and Bur-  
lington, and Judge Dillard, of the  
Union and Southern Pacific roads,  
speaking for the transcontinental  
lines, argued that there was nothing  
in the law which prevented the rail-  
roads to charge less for a shipment of  
imports from New York to Chicago,  
for instance, than for the same goods  
going over the same lines but origi-  
nating as a domestic shipment in New  
York.

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now granted by a number of trunk  
lines from Atlantic ports are in-  
volved in a controversy brought be-  
fore the commission today.

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## OPPOSES HAIR CUT IN OCCOQUAN STYLE

Paroled Prisoner Tells Tale  
of Woe to Commissioner  
Rudolph.

Entering the anteroom of Commis-  
sioner Rudolph this morning a stranger  
who bore every appearance of having  
seen better days, approached Waldo  
Hibbs, secretary to the president of the  
Board.

"I want to see the Comish," said the  
stranger in husky tones.  
"Perhaps you could tell me your busi-  
ness," replied Mr. Hibbs, part of whose  
duty it is to act as go-between the Com-  
missioner and persons who have much  
to say, but nothing of value to offer.

"Nothin' doin'," answered the stran-  
ger. "This ain't no kid with me. I gotta  
see the big noise."  
In response to further persuasion on  
the part of Mr. Hibbs, the man re-  
moved his hat and bowed his head for  
Mr. Hibbs' inspection.

"Look at that hair cut," he said.  
"That's what they handed me at Oc-  
coquan when I was down," my little bit.  
Looks like some one had been throwin'  
oyster shells at me conk. That's a  
fine tin thing to pin on a guy wot's got  
to look for a job. I got it written all  
over me that I been down on the  
farm."

At this moment Commissioner Rud-  
olph stepped into the room, and im-  
mediately was seized by the stranger.  
"Ain't that the limit?" he asked the  
Commissioner. "Dey fringed me wid a  
pair of horse clippers."

The Commissioner agreed that the  
hair cut was not of the classiest and  
demanded further information.  
"When dey give me dis hair cut I  
kicked to Superintendent Whitaker and  
he told me not to worry 'cause my hair  
would grow when I got out. Dey I  
was paroled, and went aroun' to see the  
superintendent again. He give another  
look and hand me two bits telling me to  
get a good hair cut when I got to  
look on the level. I leave it to  
you, boss, there ain't a chance. I  
got to wait a month to look like a hu-  
man being."

Commissioner Rudolph extended his  
sympathy but could offer no sugges-  
tion aside from one given by Super-  
intendent Whitaker, to let it grow.  
"The best way to avoid a bad hair  
cut at Occoquan," said the Commis-  
sioner, as he turned him into his  
private office, "is—don't go to Occo-  
quan."

Senator Carter of Montana was  
among the callers at the White House  
today. He did not see the President,  
as Mr. Taft was busy with his mes-  
sage. When asked whether he had an  
appointment to see the President  
about his rumored appointment to the  
supreme court, he said he had not.

He had nothing to say about this  
appointment or about the Montana  
rumor he was being considered for  
the supreme court.

Senator Carter talked about post-  
office matters briefly. He is a mem-  
ber of the Senate Postoffice Com-  
mittee. He said he would like to see  
the postoffice reorganization bill taken  
up at the short session.

## SESSION RESUMED BY SUPREME COURT

Justices Hughes and Lurton  
Move Up Owing to Moody  
Resignation.

After a recess of two weeks the  
Supreme Court convened today, Jus-  
tices Hughes and Lurton moving up  
to higher seats because of the resi-  
gnation of Justice Moody, which be-  
came effective last week.

Justice Hughes is now third from  
the lowest seat, occupying the sec-  
ond seat on the left of the bench.  
Justice Lurton moved to Justice  
Moody's seat.  
Frank H. Mason, former clerk of  
the United States district court of  
Massachusetts, who was charged with  
the embezzlement of \$1,000 in fees,  
will not be tried on the indictment  
the result of a decision by the  
court today. Demurrers to the in-  
dictment were sustained in the lower  
court and the case was carried to the  
Supreme Court by the Government.  
The lower court today was affirmed.

Rock Island Cases.  
A motion was made today by At-  
torney General Wickersham for the  
dismissal of five cases of the Gov-  
ernment against the Chicago and  
Rock Island railroad. These were  
known as the "Chicago cases," and  
came before the Supreme Court on a  
writ of error.

Mr. Wickersham filed briefs on be-  
half of the Government in the cases  
of William Brown and Levi B. Gritts  
and other Cherokee citizens against  
the United States, and David Mus-  
krat and J. Henry Dick, etc., against  
the United States. These cases came  
up on appeal from the Court of  
Claims, and were suits to test the  
constitutionality of certain acts of  
Congress, passed in 1902 and 1906,  
which gave full control of the Indians  
and to place children on the rolls. The  
Court of Claims held that Congress  
had full control of the Indians and  
there was no restriction on the power  
of Congress to amend or repeal any  
law dealing with the lands of the  
Indians.

Conspiracy Case Reopened.

The famous Hyde-Benson-Dimond-  
Schneider conspiracy case, involving  
charges of attempting to defraud the  
Government in connection with public  
lands in California, was reopened today  
by the action of Frederick A. Hyde and  
Joost H. Schneider in asking the Su-  
preme Court to review the judgment of  
the Court of Appeals of the District.

The case arose in 1904, when forty-two  
indictments were returned against the  
alleged conspirators. All of them fought  
against extradition to the District of  
Columbia for trial on jurisdictional  
grounds. In this they failed, and on  
trial Dimond was acquitted and Benson,  
Hyde, and Schneider were found guilty.  
Benson served his sentence.

The present petition of Hyde and  
Schneider is a request to have the  
sentence of the lower court set aside.  
Hyde is a resident of California and  
Schneider of Arizona. Both hold there  
was no evidence to substantiate the  
charge in the indictments that the con-  
spiracy was committed in the District.

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